

Greater Hansville Area Advisory Council Meeting
February 20, 2007

The meeting was called to order by Judy Foritano, GHAAC Interim Chair. Twenty-five members were present, three absent, and one excused. (See attached list) Fourteen guests attended. In addition Kitsap County was represented by Jim Bolger, Assistant Director Department of Community Development; Philip Fletcher, Planner III Department of Community Development, Dori Leckner, Project Manager North Kitsap Parks and Recreation, and Jodi Wroblewski, Parks Project Coordinator, Facilities Parks and Recreation.

Judy asked Jim to comment on GHAAC affiliation with Kitsap County. He stated there have been good relations between the County and Hansville in the past. The County has beneficial relationships with Kingston, Suquamish, Manchester, and is expecting relationship with Illahee and Keyport as well as Greater Hansville. Thanks to the Futures Project Greater Hansville is far ahead in the planning process. Greater Hansville does not have an urban area, despite lot sizes and density in some areas. The County wants to hold discussions to see how it can complement the GHAAC.

Kitsap County sees its role as a resource and liaison, but not as staff. Once GHAAC has established its goals, Kitsap County sees its role as facilitating those efforts through the approval process.

Jim stated a major emphasis for the County is education. They want to make GHAAC aware of County planning programs, state regulations, keep it informed on all projects being considered in order to get GHAAC reactions before approval. In any discussion it is imperative to have all stake holders at the table. All viewpoints must be expressed before a good conclusion can be reached.

Kitsap County wants inclusiveness, good planning and openness, in any entity it works with. The Futures Project has put Greater Hansville way ahead of other neighborhoods in all these areas.

Philip Fletcher stated the County is divided into three districts, South, Central and North. There is a plan for each District. As Planner for the North District his major role is to communicate with people as issues or problems arise to determine where a solution lies, and to try to cut red tape and get a quick solution. He therefore attends all Community Advisory Council meetings to listen, but also to notify of projects of interest. The goal is for implementation, not planning of projects.

Questions from members and guests covered clear cutting, and conflicting laws and regulations between government entities. Philip said he is always available to consult and gave his e-mail address, since e-mail allows him to research an issue before commenting. He stressed that best results would be obtained by working through the GHAAC, as issues supported by the entire community would have priority. He again stressed the need to have all stake holders in on any conversation.

Judy commented that Steve Bauer had been supportive of a Village Plan which might or might not include a LAMIRD (Limited Areas of More Intense Rural Development) approach, and asked the County representatives to comment.

Jim commented that 75% of the people in Kitsap County reside in urban growth areas. Greater Hansville is unique in that it has established boundaries, it is rural with small areas of high density, but it does not have urban areas. Neither he nor Jim felt LAMIRD would be beneficial to Greater Hansville at this time. The GHAAC could be more flexible without it, and could always go the LAMIRD route in the future if it became beneficial.

Judy asked about planning techniques that could be employed. Phil commented that the best planning is always upward planning. A Community identifies goals and a planner helps to achieve those goals. The Futures Project has already taken this step.

Ken Shawcroft asked why GHAAC would want LAMIRD designation. Jim commented that where areas need sewers and such amenities it can have benefits, but it is not applicable to Greater Hansville at this time.

After a broad conversation on various issues of importance to the Community, Neal Kellner stressed the importance of one voice for the GHAAC. If we skip the step of going through the GHAAC to Kitsap County, it would undermine all the efforts taken to form a cohesive group and would be counterproductive. There is currently lots of energy and activity for the GHAAC and we must work to keep it. Gary Paulson commented that if we don't act as a unit, all we have done so far will be in vain.

The County representatives responded that they will be more responsive when they can document that an action is Community mandated.

Fred Nelson suggested members and guests attend the Kingston Advisory Council meeting to see a successful Council in action. The next meeting is February 27 at 7 pm at Kingston Junior High School in the Commons. Phil concurred that attending would be a chance to see bright community oriented people at work.

A guest asked Judy how to determine if GHAAC is inclusive. Judy stated that it is a work in progress. The Futures Project included all established neighborhood and activity groups, and those have become the nucleus of the GHAAC. In addition efforts are actively being made to include any omitted neighborhoods. Two new representatives are here tonight. The guest then asked the County what role it plays in seeing that good decisions are made. It was stated the County's role is to inform, give guidelines, bring in experts and expedite.

The County described the maps provided and displayed. Trevor Evans asked that all study them and the map delineating neighborhood boundaries.

Following a brief break, a discussion on additions to the bylaws ensued. It focused on adding dates of a fiscal year and time for audits. Jerry Porter moved the group accept the bylaw changes as presented. Fred Nelson seconded the motion. A comment was made that to try to pinpoint the best timing is difficult now, and that the bylaws provide an easy path for amendment. The motion passed with one dissenting vote.

Fred Nelson gave an update on “Norwegian Point Park.” The name has yet to be confirmed, but was the overwhelming choice. The Park will be opened March 31 at noon. Transportation will be provided from off site parking. A discussion on use of on site buildings and restrictions the grant places on their use followed. Jodi Wroblewski stated the grant specifies the park is for outdoor activities. The issue will be pursued further.

Judy stated that two Committees are already functioning within Greater Hansville Traffic Safety and Road Advisory Committee, and the Saltwater Parks Committee both expressed a desire to be part of the GHAAC. Gary Paulson moved that the GHAAC adopt these Committees and Neal Kellner seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Judy announced that Steve Bauer would be willing to chair a Committee to erect a Welcome to Greater Hansville sign at Little Boston/Eglon Road. At a previous Futures meeting, Commissioner Endresen had agreed the County would pay for the sign as part of the County’s signage project. By consensus the group agreed to establish such a Committee. Lynn Hix and one other member agreed to serve with Steve as Chair.

Fred suggested a Committee to negotiate with Puget Sound Energy for cleaner, more predictable power service. By consensus it was agreed to form the Committee which Fred was asked to Chair. Linda Redling, Becky Ellison, and Gerry Porter volunteered to serve on it. Philip said Kitsap County would be glad to help coordinate meetings with Puget Sound Energy.

Neal Kellner asked about an Adopt a Road Committee. It was determined the Greater Hansville Community Center is already involved in such a project.

Ray Rohay raised the issue of lack of seniors housing. A broad discussion ensued. All agreed there is great need. Don Talcott, a guest, reported on the Hansville Church's efforts to fill the need. Don agreed to keep the GHAAC informed and in turn the GHAAC agreed to offer assistance. It was decided to delay forming a Housing Committee until the GHAAC is more firmly established.

Trevor asked members to stay after adjournment to help delineate neighborhood boundaries.

Sue asked new members to please register.

The next meeting will be March 20, 7 pm. at the Greater Hansville Community Center.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Present

Nancy Rummel	The Better Halves
Davie Madden	Buck Lake Neighborhood
Gerry Porter	Cliffside Beach Homeowners
Jerry Ulsund	Driftwood Key
Linda Redling	Finn Creek Agricultural Community
Sue Claeys	Flotsam and Jetsam Garden Club
Trevor Evans	Foulweather Bluff Neighborhood
Lyn Hix	Hansville Art Guild
Judy Foritano	Greater Hansville Community Center
Allen Otto	Hansville Business Community
Pat Fredricks	Hansville Church
Ken Shawcroft	Hansville Greenway Association
Emma Jean Hemingway	Hansville Ladies Aid – Cemetery
Fred Nelson	Hansville Neighbors
Tom Ritley	Hood Canal Shores Neighborhood
Gary Paulson	Norwegian Point Neighborhood, Thursday Breakfast Group
Tony Atkinson	Old Hansville Road Neighborhood
Judy Roupe	Point No Point/Hill View Neighborhood
Martha Pendergast	Point No Point View Estates Homeowners Association
Becky Ellison	Shoreview Terrace
Neal Kellner	Shorewood
Pat Miller	Skunk Bay Yacht Club
Ray Rohay	Solitarians
Jim Laughlin	Sterling Highland Neighborhood

Absent

McKinzie McDermott	Young People
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Excused

Rex Gallaher	Coffee Klatch
Tim Holbrook	Eglon/Pilot Point
Heidi Kastner	Hansville Road Neighborhood